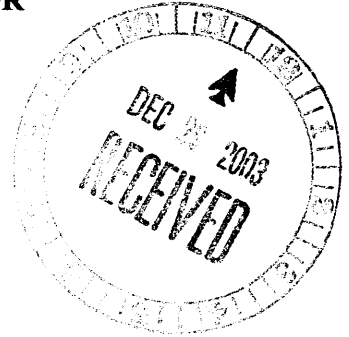


CITY OF VIRGINIA

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OFFICE OF THE CITY DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR (218) 748-7500



Ms. Victoria J. Rutson, Chief
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW
Washington DC 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Rutson:

We are in receipt of the Safety Integration Plan for STB Finance Docket No. 34424.

Attached, please find correspondence as transmitted to the Surface Transportation Board and the Duluth, Missabe, and Iron Railroad regarding railroad crossings within the City of Virginia.

As this is a Safety Integration Plan, we feel that until the crossings are restored to usable condition that they pose a serious safety risk to the community and the driving public.

Please be advised that the City of Virginia and our Attorney, Mr. Thomas Butorac, will be making subsequent notices to the Surface Transportation Board regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

Terry Leoni
City Department Director

TL/bns

Enclosure

cc Paul A. Cunningham, Harkins Cunningham LLP
Thomas Butorac, City Attorney
William J. Hennis, Lead Engineer

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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
(218) 748-7500

December 10, 2003

Ted L. Frase
DM&IR
500 Missabe Building
Duluth MN 55802

Dear Mr. Frase:

Please find enclosed a copy of the letter sent to the Case Control Unit regarding Environmental Appendix for STB Finance Docket No. 34424.

Also enclosed is an invoice in the amount of \$31,637.71 for road improvements done on the Sliver Spur and 9th Street North crossing in relation to the Sliver Spur abandonment. Additionally, there are several other crossings in the City of Virginia that are in various stages of abandonment and repair. These crossings must be taken care of immediately upon improving weather conditions.

If you prefer not to pay this invoice, the City of Virginia would be more than happy to place the amount due as a special assessment against the property.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please feel free to contact me at (218) 748-7500.

Sincerely,



William J. Hennis
Lead Engineer

WJH/bns

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327 1st Street South
Virginia, MN 55792
Telephone: (218) 748-7500

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Ted Frase
500 Missabe Building
Duluth, MN 55802

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Date: 12/10/2003
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Statement of Account

Date	Description	Amount
12/10/2003	Road Improvements done on the Sliver Spur and 9th Street North crossing in relation to the Sliver Spur abandonment.	\$31,637.17

Subtotal: \$31,637.17

Please return this portion with payment. Thank you!

Please send payment to: City of Virginia, City Clerk's Office, 327 1st Street South, Virginia, MN 55792

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Ted Frase
500 Missabe Building
Duluth, MN 55802

Road Improvements done on the Sliver Spur and 9th Street North crossing in relation to the Sliver Spur abandonment.

Total Amount:	\$31,637.17
Amount Applied:	\$0.00
Balance Due:	\$31,637.17
Payment Due Date:	12/30/2003
Invoice #:	00001563